

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

23. (New) An underfloor lifting platform comprising:
2 at least one vertical beam liftable and lowerable in a pit;
at least one support arm comprising supports fixed to said vertical beam;
4 a prime mover comprising switching and control elements; and
a transmission between said prime mover and said vertical beam, wherein said
6 transmission comprises at least one flexible traction cable, said cable being coupled to a rotating
member rotatably driven by said prime mover and said cable engages at a lower end of the
8 associated vertical beam.

24. (New) The underfloor lifting platform according to claim 23, wherein lower ends
2 of two vertical beams are fixedly connected to each other by a dimensionally stable transverse
beam on which two traction cables engage.

25. (New) The underfloor lifting platform according to claim 24, further comprising a
2 shaft running in two stationary bearings.

26. (New) The underfloor lifting platform of claim 25, further comprising a drum for
2 winding and unwinding the associated traction cable, said drum being provided as a rotating
member in an upper section of said pit between guides.

27. (New) The lifting platform of claim 26, further comprising brake means.

28. (New) The lifting platform according to claim 27, further comprising a
2 monitoring means for stopping said prime mover and for activating said brake means in case of
abnormal operating states.

29. (New) The lifting platform according to claim 23, further comprising a manually
2 operable lowering drive for lowering said support arm when said prime mover is intact.

30. (New) The lifting platform according to claim 27, wherein said brake means
2 comprises at least one brake shoe interacting with the respective vertical guide of said vertical
beam.

31. (New) The lifting platform of claim 28, wherein said brake means comprises at
2 least one brake shoe interacting with the respective vertical guide of said column.

32. (New) The lifting platform according to claim 23, further comprising a safety
2 means comprising a positively acting arrest element such as an underrun bolt.

33. (New) The lifting platform according to claim 28, wherein said monitoring means
2 comprises a position detector disposed on said vertical beam.